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APPLICATION FOR REMOTE DATA PROCESSING SERVICE BETWEEN  
U.S. AND JAPAN

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SUMMARY. THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF POSTS ANDTELECOMMUNI-  
CATIONS (MPT) ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 17 THAT IT HAD GIVEN  
FINAL, POLICY LEVEL APPROVAL FOR THE U.S. COMPUTER  
SOFTWARE FIRM TYMSHARE TO BEGIN U.S.-JAPAN TIME SHARING  
SERVICES. MPT APPROVAL WAS GIVEN JUST TWO WEEKS AFTER  
RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM KDD AND NTT WHICH HAD  
BEEN INVESTIGATINGTHE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OFTHIS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK-UP. TYMSHARE PLANSTO BEGIN  
TEST RUNS WITHIN THE WEEK, WITH FULL COMMERCIAL  
OPERATIONS TO BEGIN APRIL 1. THIS GOJ ACTION CAPS  
A 21-MONTH EFFORT BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND EMBASSY  
TOKYO TO ASSIST TYMSHARE TO ENTER JAPANESE COMPUTER  
TIME SHARING MARKET. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 17 MPT GAVE FINAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT  
APPROVAL TO KOKUSAI TYMSHARE'S APPLICATION TO CONDUCT  
U.S.-JAPAN TIME SHARING SERVICES. THIS IS FINAL,  
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POLICY DECISION WHICH ALLOWS TYMSHARE TO COMMENCE  
LONG DELAYED TIME SHARING OPERATIONS.  
2. TYMSHARE AND CONTROL DATA CORPORATION (CDC), BOTH  
U.S. TIME SHARING COMPANIES, DECIDEDTO ENTER U.S.-JAPAN  
TIME SHARING MARKET FOLLOWING GOJ'S CAPITAL LIBERALIZATION  
OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE MARKET ON APRIL 1, 1976. EMBASSY  
ASSISTANCE TO TYMSHARE AND CDC IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS

WITH GOJ TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAUCRACY BEGAN IN EARLY JULY OF THAT YEAR. ON AUGUST 11, 1976 GOJ GAVE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR TYMSHARE OPERATIONS BY APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TYMSHARE SUBSIDIARY IN JAPAN. TECHNICAL ASPECTS REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT TO THE SATISFACTION OF KDD AND NTT, JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CARRIERS. CDC'S JAPAN BRANCH (DATA SERVICE FAR EAST), THE OTHER U.S. FIRM WHICH ENTERED THE JAPANESE SOFTWARE MARKET FOLLOWING THE APRIL, 1976 CAPITAL LIBERALIZATION, RECEIVED MPT APPROVAL TO COMMENCE TIME SHARING OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1977.

3. SINCE THAT TIME, KDD AND NTT APPROVALS FOR TYMSHARE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN DELAYED, PENDING RESOLUTION OF MESSAGE SWITCHING PROBLEM, WHICH ENTAILED SOME MODIFICATIONS OF TYMSHARE'S COMPUTER CENTER OPERATIONS IN CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA. KDD APPROVAL WAS FINALLY FORTHCOMING ON JANUARY 26, AND NTT APPROVAL FOLLOWED ON MARCH 3. FINAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN TIME SHARING OPERATIONS WAS GIVEN BY MPT ON MARCH 17, 1978, TWO WEEKS AFTER NTT APPROVAL AND WITHIN TIME FRAME SET FORTH BY EMBASSY IN REFTEL.

4. TYMSHARE IS NOW FREE TO COMMENCE U.S.-JAPAN TIME SHARING SERVICES. LOCAL TYMSHARE OFFICE PLAN TO BEGIN TESTING OF INTERNATIONAL CIRCUITS ON OR ABOUT MARCH 24 AND GET UNDERWAY WITH FULL COMMERCIAL SERVICE ON APRIL

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